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Corona Curfew

▶ From Apr. 10 to 20; 10 pm to 5 am ▶ No curbs on essential services

Bengaluru, Apr. 9 (SSV)- Minutes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a meeting of Chief Ministers of 11 States, which are becoming super-spreaders of COVID-19 pandemic in the last 15-20 days, **Government of Karnataka has decided to impose Corona Curfew in Mysuru, Bengaluru, Uttara Kannada, Mangaluru, Kalaburagi, Bidar, Tumakuru, Udupi-Manipal from Apr. 10 to Apr. 20 between 10 pm and 5 am.**

"Decision to impose night curfew in these eight district headquarters has been taken on experimental basis following sudden jump in Corona positive cases. However, essential services will not be affected. Instructions have been issued to districts authorities to implement it strictly. I want people to follow the Government guidelines strictly failing which 'harsh' decision will be taken in the coming days," Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa told reporters, after over one hour video-conference with the Prime Minister yesterday.

He said more number of COVID positive cases were reported in Bengaluru Urban and 6 other cities. Though there was surge in number of cases, the fatality rate remains low. The case fatality rate was 0.50 percent in the State yesterday to which the Government of India has also expressed content.

(See CURFEW on page 6)

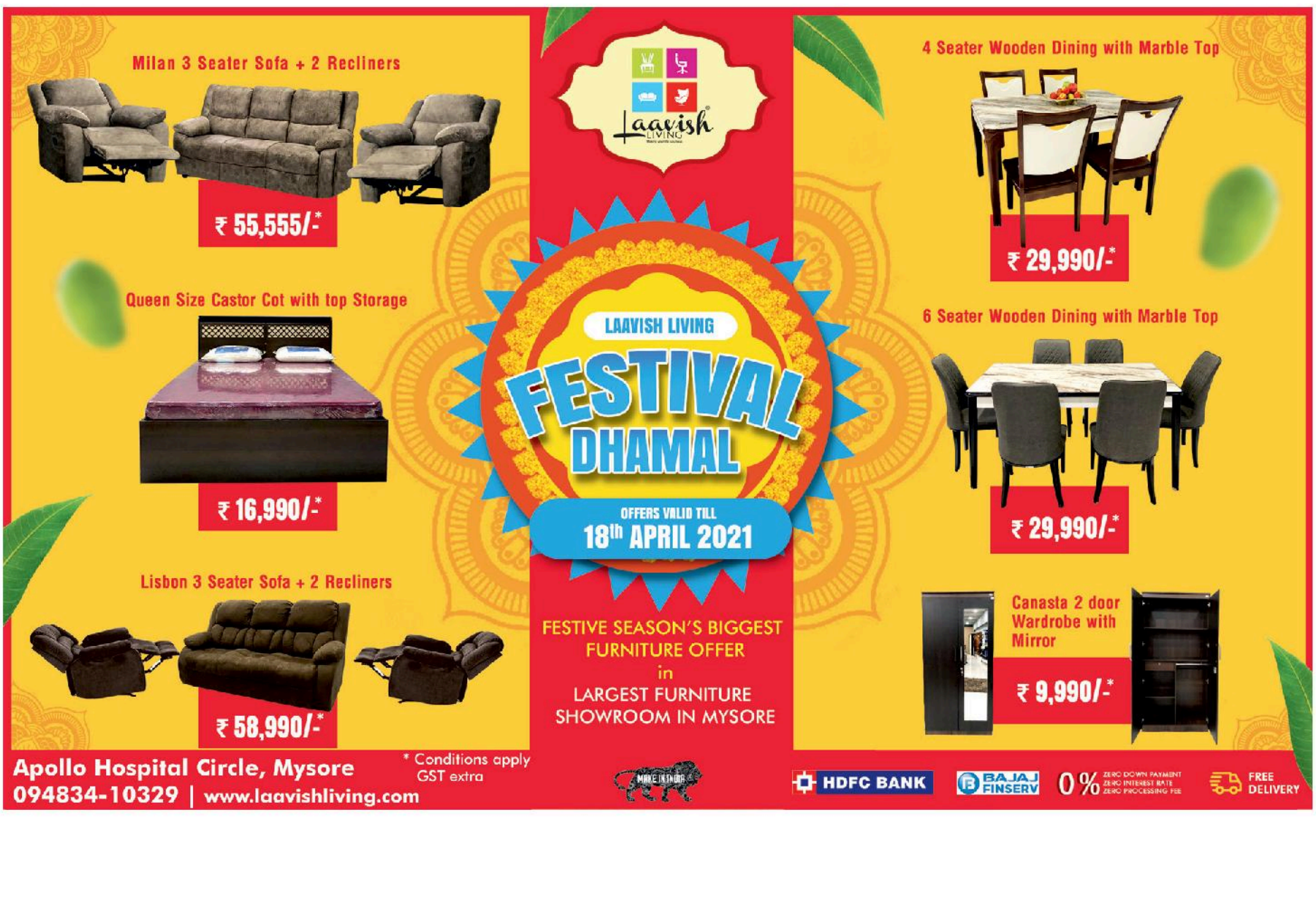
RT-PCR negative report not mandatory: DC clarifies

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Apr. 9 (SSV)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has withdrawn an order issued here yesterday regarding certain measures to check the spread of COVID-19 in City and District, including making RT-PCR negative report mandatory to visit tourist places, cinema halls, recreation clubs and other places for a period of ten days, starting from April 10.

In a press release from the Deputy Commissioner this morning, the DC has clarified that there is no need to carry RT-PCR negative report to enter Mysuru or to enter cinema halls, convention centres, tourist spots or recreation clubs.

The DC further clarified that even though she had passed an order (MYSDC/MAG1/MLO/71 (6)2020 (E-95753) yesterday afternoon stating that RT-PCR negative report was mandatory to enter tourist spots, resorts, convention halls / party halls, recreation clubs and cinema halls, it was not supposed to be issued at her level and should have come from the State Government. Hence, the DC's earlier order about requiring RT-PCR negative report stands cancelled.

(See RT-PCR on page 6)



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 9th April 2021

Screening of Kodava film 'Usar' at Mysuru Kodava Samaja

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (OSR)- After successful screening at Madikeri, Murnad, Virajpet, Napoklu Ammathi and Ponnampet, Kodava film 'Usar' will be screened at Mysuru Kodava Samaja on Apr. 9, 10 and 11.

There will be four shows at 11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm on all three days and advanced booking can be done. Tickets are available at the venue also.

The film has been made under the banner of P&G Creations and the story of the film is based on the lives of youth affected by the drug menace and their family members. The film aims to create awareness in society.

'Usar' has been produced by Pasura Ramya Nanaiah and directed by Pratish Poovaiah and Acheyada Gagan Ganapathy. The team decided to produce the film after the success of many short films that went viral, especially those having a good social message. It is a family movie and has three songs.

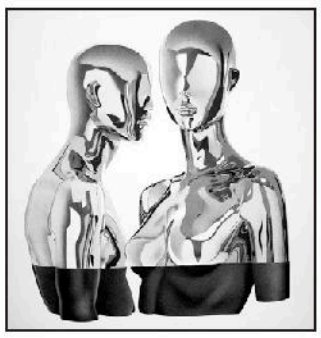
For more details on tickets, contact: 98806-00240 or 63601-89482.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the field of hybrid warfare, armed drones will provide the Indian Army one capability that has been under much focus trans-LoC strikes, without hot pursuit. The developing technologies will in due course provide multiple options to strike at terrorist leaderships, and training and holding camps. With capability to pinpoint locations due to communication intercepts, the ability to rapidly launch armed drones equipped with necessary artificial intelligence and armaments or munitions will transform the response mechanism. Even jungle hideouts in the J&K mountains or those in the Red Corridor can be engaged. All such responses will be without the inherent risk of a pilot being captured with the attached drama as was the case with the capture of Wing Commander Abhinandan. Drone warfare is just in its nascent stages but the surge is going to happen with rapidly developing technologies. It is imperative that war-fighting doctrines are adequately shaped to absorb this new capability so that the Indian Armed Forces are fully capable of progressively exploiting them and converting them into war-winning means. — *Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Magical pencil drawings of Alessandro Paglia



Rome: When it comes ultra-realistic pencil drawings, it is very hard to find someone better than Italian industrial designer turned artist Alessandro Paglia.

Inspired by photography and fascinated by shadows, reflections, Alessandro Paglia starts his creative process by photographing his subjects tens of times in order to obtain the perfect shot, which he then begins to reproduce, on coarse-grain cotton paper, with fine point pencils. Each of his amazing drawings takes between 50 and 250 hours of work.

From metallic sculptures that reflect light and shadow and dripping designs that appear to have been digitally-rendered, to vintage objects and car models, Alessandro Paglia's portfolio is impressively vast. Yet every one of his artworks looks more like a photograph than a pencil drawing.

Monk, who lives alone in an isolated temple

Yamdrok: Located on top of a small mound, on a sliver of land stretching into the serene Yamdrok Lake is Rituo Temple, the home of just one solitary monk who spends his days chanting sutras and meditating.

The most amazing thing about Rituo Temple is the fact that it has just one inhabitant. His name is Ahwang Pincuo and he spends most of his days bringing water from down at the lake all the way to the temple, chanting sutras and meditating.

Rituo, which means "the stone on the mountain" in Tibetan, is often referred to as Tibet's loneliest temple. It has a history that goes back more than 700 years and is one of the country's hidden gems. The name was inspired by a centuries-old rock, a relic that is said to have the power to cure all diseases.

HEALTH CAPSULE

More than 50 million people worldwide are affected by Epilepsy. Reasons: - 1. Genetic, 2. age, 3. brain infections, 4. head injuries, 5. stroke 6. dementia are the risk factors. Creating awareness and timely treatment can help manage the condition.

Dr. Venugopal Krishna K.S. - *Consultant Neurology*

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.7	APR.8
Day's Positive Cases	243	216
Total Positive Cases	57,169	57,385
Day's Discharges	44	92
Total Discharges	54,647	54,739
Day's Deaths	2	1
Total Deaths	1,069	1,070
Total Active Cases	1,453	1,576

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Book release, felicitation and award presentation

Mysuru, Apr. 9 - JSS Mahavidyapeetha has organised book release, award presentation and felicitation programme at Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram here on Apr. 10 at 10.30 am.

Five books - *Basava Darshana, Heart to Heart, Bhakti Bhandari Basavanna, Sri Swatantra Siddhalingeshwararu* and *Sutturu Srimathada Granthalaya* - will be released. Sri Shivarathreeshwara Award-2019, Sri M. Veerappa Endowment Award-2020 as well as Sri D.V. Halabhavi Award will be presented by Minister of Kannada and Culture Aravind Limbavali. Recipient of Kendra Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar K.S. Mahadevaswamy (Swami Ponnachi) will be felicitated.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnanayogashrama, Vijayapura, will grace the occasion. MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra will be the chief guests. Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. G. R. Channabasappa will preside. Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar will speak about the books. Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche will introduce awardees.

REALLY...?

- ***Gingko Biloba which dates to about 250 million years ago is the oldest living tree species in the world.***
- ***The African tree, Baobab can store 1000 to 120,000 litres of water in its tree trunk.***
- ***More than 20% of the world's oxygen supply is produced by the Amazon Rainforest.***

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.52
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1 Euro	= Rs. 89.04

VOICE OF THE READER

Pathetic condition of Public Parks

Sir,

Of late I visited many Public Parks and their maintenance is pathetic to say the least. Be it Cheluvamba Park, opposite Akashvani, Kiki Park in Jayalakshmipuram, Curzon Park, Rajkumar Park or Vishnuvardhan Park in front of the Palace or Mirza Park for that matter — they all welcome you with huge pile of garbage.

Parks have not been cleaned for months and plants are not watered even once a week. They all are crying for existence and seeing colourful flowers in them is a distant dream. Will the authorities concerned take proper action?

—P.S. Ramesh
on e-mail

Jayalakshmipuram
7.4.2021

Felicitation & book release

Dr. Ranganath

Mysuru, Apr. 9- Samskruti Prakashana, Mysuru, Vijay Foundation, Mysuru and Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, have jointly organised a programme at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, tomorrow (April 10) at 10.30 am to felicitate thinker, writer, *Mysuru Mithra* columnist and retd. Tahsildar Dr. V. Ranganath and release his seven books — *Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Kalada Kalavidaru; Kopave Solu - Sahaneye Geluvu; Nambike Galisona - Nambike Ulisona; Mane Doddadayitu - Mana Chikkadayitu (Rasika Puttige avara Samagra Sahitya edited Dr. V. Ranganath); Elige Anjida Huli - Mattitara Kathegalu; Shishu Geetegalu* and *Makkala Mooru Kiru Kadambarigalu*.

Manasagangothri Journalism Department Head Dr. Niranjana Vanalli will release the books. Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar will be the chief guest. Senior scholar Dr. N.S. Tharanath will preside.

At 12.15 pm: 'Rangabhinandana,' a felicitation volume on Dr. Ranganath, will be released by Senior Pracharak of RSS S. Ramanna at the same venue.

Editor of the felicitation volume and writer Samskriti Subrahmanya will speak on the book. Industrialist Dr. B.R. Pai will preside. Former MLC G. Madhusudhan and National Organising Secretary of Samskara Bharathi P.R. Krishnamurthy will be the chief guests.

II PU exams from May 24

Dharwad, Apr. 9- Asserting that there will be no change in Second PUC examination time-table on account of the sudden spike in COVID-19 pandemic, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that the exam will be held as scheduled from May 24 to June 16.

Speaking to presspersons here recently, Suresh Kumar said that 6,72,000 students have registered for the exam this year, which is more as compared to last year.

Pointing out that the COVID-19 pandemic had severely affected offline classes, he said that however, the colleges have completed the syllabus, which comes as a relief for students.

Maintaining that all precautionary and safety measures will be taken during the exam, he said that the Department wasted no time in asking colleges to hold online classes in the absence of physical classes and this has largely helped the students.

II PU TIME-TABLE

May 24	History
May 26	Geography
May 27	Psychology, Basic Maths
May 28	Logic
May 29	Kannada
May 31	Mathematics, Accountancy, Education
June 2	Political Science, Computer Science
June 3	Biology, Electronics
June 4	Economics
June 7	Business Studies, Physics
June 8	Geology
June 10	Sociology, Chemistry
June 11	Urdu , Sanskrit
June 12	Statistics
June 14	Optional Kannada
June 15	Hindi
June 16	English

Gaganyaan, India's first manned space mission

DFRL's pouch technology to prevent food waste in space

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (BCT)- When India's first crewed space-flight 'Gaganyaan' lifts off next year, commencing a new era of space exploration, the astronauts onboard will not only carry a selection of special foods developed by Mysuru-based Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) but also they can prevent food from being wasted. In developing indigenous technology to prevent food waste, the DFRL is promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

'Gaganyaan' has been designed to carry three Indian astronauts to the low earth orbit — an orbit of 2,000 kms or less — for a period of five to seven days. The DFRL, a unit of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has already readied the food to be consumed by astronauts and has sent them to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The menu will offer Indian astronauts — hand-picked fighter pilots from the Indian Air Force (IAF) who are at present undergoing training in Russia — a variety of options to suit their palate during the seven-day mission. They are being trained at the Yuri Gagarin Research and Test Cosmonaut Training Centre at Star City near Moscow.

Their menu includes egg rolls, veg rolls, idli, vegetable pulav, chicken biryani, dal makhni, shahi paneer and chicken korma. Nutrition bars, powdered fruit juice, almonds and nuts and instant tea mix are a part of the food package along with moong dal halwa, sooji halwa and dried apricot. The eatables can be warmed using the food warmers on board the spacecraft.

After the food was developed, the challenge before DFRL was to prevent food waste in space. To tackle this, scientists have come up with patented food-waste pouch system. According to highly-placed sources, the food pouch would restrict the growth of microbes and prevent food from getting spoilt even in the space atmosphere.

The food will be put into specially designed packages from where moisture has been removed and can be eaten after filling the packets with water. The DFRL had to develop this technology as preserving Indian food in the outer space was tricky and there is no pre-existing technology for this.

It is a first-ever mission for India and had to be different from the technology used by Russian and American astronauts who consumed food like burgers and sandwiches that are popular in the Western world. The challenge for DFRL scientists here was to develop a technology to preserve the Indian food that had high moisture content when compared to burgers and sandwiches. To tackle the tricky situation, the DFRL has come up with the food waste pouch technology where a special compound has been developed that would restrict the growth of microbes. Prevention of microbe growth on food would prevent spoiling of the food.

DFRL sources said that they have focused on nutrient adequacy and wholesomeness of the food. Low fragmentation is equally critical in the zero-gravity environment and food will be packed in 100 grams to 200 grams packets that will ensure zero microbe standards.

The astronauts will eat three meals a day, with the diet adding up to 2,500 calories. "The idea is to give them balanced meals that are lightweight, low volume and easy to consume. Food kits include special straws for drinking water and instant coffee or tea, food warmers and waste restraining bags. Special containers — sippers — have also been developed to enable the astronauts to have liquids such as fruit juice and water as well.

Advanced Research Methodologies

Ten-day workshop from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (PM&SD)- The ten-day workshop on 'Advanced Research Methodologies' will be held at Social Work Department Seminar Hall in Manasagangothri, University of Mysore (UoM), from tomorrow.

Speaking after inaugurating a programme as a prelude to the workshop yesterday, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa said, "As per the new National Education Policy, students have to develop analytical and research skills at PU level itself because these skills are necessary to deepen their knowledge in any subject."

Head of Social Work Department Dr. Chandramouli said, the workshop will be conducted on every Saturday and Sunday till May 31. Any student interested in research field can participate in this workshop, offline or online [Contact Mob: 94487-66290].

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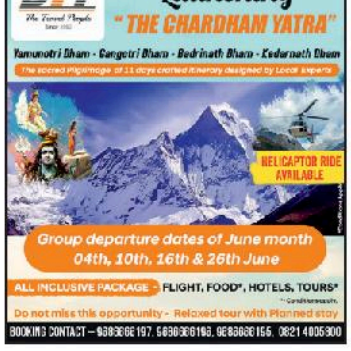
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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-695,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for children by H. S. Kavitha, teacher and senior theatre person, Mysuru on Apr.10 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115].

Dr. Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary

The 130th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar will be celebrated by District Administration on Apr. 14 at 10.30 am by garlanding the statue of Dr. Ambedkar at Town Hall premises, according to a release.

KDP Meeting Postponed

The monthly Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) Progress Review Meeting, which was scheduled to be held at the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat on Apr. 12 has been postponed to Apr. 17 at 11 am. Instead of deploying representatives, all concerned officials have been asked to attend the meeting in person with necessary documents, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Management to M.S. Naveen Kumar for his thesis 'Stress and its Effects on Express Route Bus Drivers of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.' [Guide: Dr. M. Shivalinge Gowda].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum :	124.80	feet
Wednesday:	100.19	feet
Inflow :	81	cusecs
Outflow :	458	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum :	2,284.00	feet
Today :	2,263.11	feet
Inflow :	113	cusecs
Outflow :	1,225	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum :	2,859.00	feet
Today :	2,821.71	feet
Inflow :	36	cusecs
Outflow :	190	cusecs

Chocolates in 'used' syringes!

- Supply suspected from Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu
- Tahsildar, Health officials conduct inspection, warn shop-keepers

Chocolate and jelly-filled syringes that were being sold. Picture right shows officials during inspection of shops selling syringe sweets.

Kollegal, Apr. 9 (Nagendra& KS) - Kollegal shop-keepers are allegedly selling chocolates and juices filled in medical syringes. This has come as a shocker to parents and public, who have suspected that used syringes may have been used to fill chocolates and jellies.

Anxious people said that, with rising COVID-19 positive cases and vaccination drives going on in full swing, the chocolate-filled medical syringes may be used in hospitals either to administer vaccine or medicine or may be used to draw blood from patients for testing.

A worried parent said, "They are selling chocolates filled in syringes. They are cutting the needle and selling these 'Syringe Chocolates.' Children are attracted to it. We too don't know whether these syringes are used ones. The Health Department should take care of it. They are also selling juice in pouches. Though the warning says that it should be used within 15 days from the date of manufacture, no manufacture date is mentioned. It may cause health issues in children."

It is suspected that these 'Syringe Chocolates' come from either Bengaluru or Tamil Nadu and are sold at a wholesale price to small time wholesalers. Petty shop-keepers, who buy these 'Syringe Chocolate' between Rs. 2 and Rs. 2.50 a piece, were selling it for Rs. 5 a piece.

Public said that how can a chocolate-filled syringe be sold at Rs. 5, when a new syringe itself cost about Rs. 3 to Rs. 5. This has given rise to suspicion that these may be used syringes.

Meanwhile, Tahsildar K. Kunal and officials from the Health and Police Department, on instructions from Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi, visited Manjunathanagar and Noor Mohalla in the town, where these 'Syringe Chocolates' were being sold and conducted an inspection.

The inspection team comprising Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Gopal and Health Safety Officer (HSO) Srinivas, who raided two shops, found two boxes of 'Syringe Chocolates' and seized them. HSO Srinivas said that the seized products have been sent to the lab in Mysuru for analysis. Legal action against the two shop-keepers would be taken if the lab report confirms that the 'Syringe Chocolates' cannot be consumed and is dangerous.

The officials have warned the shop-keepers not to sell them as it could cause health hazards to children who eat them and also warned of initiating legal action if they continue to sell them.

Tahsildar Kunal said that parents have been advised not to buy these 'Syringe Chocolates' to their kids as it could be dangerous when consumed.

Meanwhile, the officials are trying to find out who was manufacturing these products and distributing the same.

Three children drown after getting stuck in slush

Pandavapura, Apr. 9 (KS)- Three children were drowned after getting stuck in slush while playing in an agricultural pond at Bale Attiguppe village in the taluk yesterday.

The deceased are Chandru (11) and Karthik (9), children of Mahadevappa and Bharati couple and Ritesh (8), son of Mallikarjuna and Suma couple of Bale Attiguppe village.

Details: Chandru and Karthik, children of Mahadevappa and Bharati, both daily wagers and Ritesh, son of Suma, an employee of a petrol bunk and Mallikarjuna, yesterday morning went to the field of one Jayaram at Bevinakuppe village in the outskirts of Bale Attiguppe village and were playing in the agricultural pond there.

While they were playing, one of the boys reportedly got stuck in the slush and began to drown. Shocked over this, the other boys, in a bid to rescue him, jumped into the pond and also got stuck in the slush and were drowned.

Tragedy took place when the children were playing in an agricultural pond

As the news of the children getting drowned in the pond spread, a large crowd had gathered at the spot. The agricultural pond was dug up in the field of Jayaram and water was being filled into it through a borewell. The pond, which is 25 ft. in diameter, had about 8 ft. water in it. Villagers said that the pond was not fenced nor any precautions were taken to prevent people from coming near it.

MLA C.S. Puttaraju, Deputy Commissioner Ashwathi, Tahsildar Pramod Patil, Additional SP Dhananjaya, Circle Inspector K. Prabhakar and others visited the spot. MLA Puttaraju, after consoling the family members, assured of providing suitable compensation to the family members.

Post-mortem was conducted on the spot in the presence of the officials and the bodies were handed over to the family members, who performed the last rites. Pandavapura Police have registered a case and investigating.

Get vaccinated before *Ramzan* fasting: DC tells people above 45 years

Mysuru, Apr.9 (MK&DM)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has asked people above 45 years of age in N.R. Assembly Constituency to get vaccinated for COVID-19 before the start of *Ramzan* fasting, which is just a few days away.

She was addressing a meeting with Muslim religious leaders and Moulvis on COVID-19 vaccination drive at the MCC Hall here on Thursday.

The DC called upon people who come under MCC Zonal Offices 6, 7 and 8 to take the jab in the better interests of their health and safety.

Pointing out that it is advisable to take the vaccine before the commencement of *Ramzan* fasting, she said that people should not be scared about the chances of side-effects as the vaccines were safe.

Maintaining that over 10 crore people of the country have received the jab so far, she said that Indian made vaccines are being exported to other countries and sought the co-operation of everyone for making the vaccination drive a huge success in city.

Sir Khazi of Mysuru Dr. Moulana Mohammad Usman Shariff, who attended the meeting, stressed on the need to sensitise the community members on the necessity of taking the vaccine.

Pointing out that pamphlets containing information on vaccination centres will be distributed among people visiting Masjids, educational institutions and Primary Health Centres, the Sir Khazi said that awareness campaigns will be held asking people to get vaccinated.

Urdu language pamphlets containing information on COVID-19 vaccination centres were released on the occasion.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Planning Director Assad Shariff, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, Corporator Bashir Ahmed, Moulvis Chand Saab, Salaam Saab, Zakaulla Saab and others were present.

Sir Khazi takes jab

Sir Khazi of Mysuru Dr. Moulana Mohammad Usman Shariff took the jab at Eeranagere Primary Health Centre in the presence of DC Rohini Sindhuri yesterday. Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, Corporator Bashir Ahmed and other community leaders too got vaccinated.

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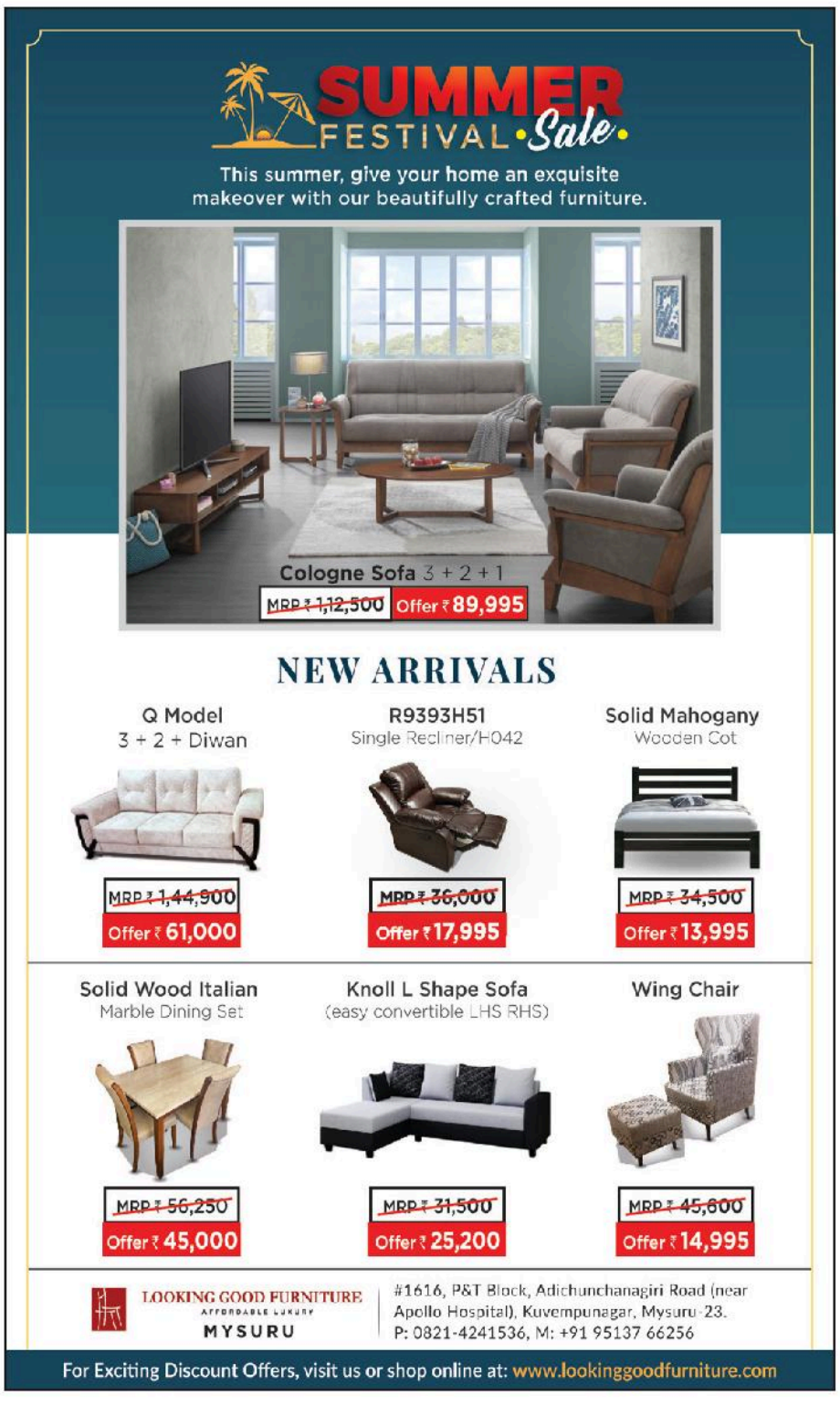

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Home Guards undergo RT-PCR test

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (MTY&SSV)- As many as 150 Home Guards, who are below 35 years of age, underwent RT-PCR test before their deployment on security duty, from tomorrow.

A batch of 300 Home Guards from Mysuru district, who had gone to Tamil Nadu on election duty, returned last evening.

This morning, they assembled at a Park near Deputy Commissioner's Office where Additional SP Shivakumar briefed them about bandobust duty. He said they must wear face masks and insist public to follow the safety protocols in the wake of surge in Corona positive cases.

Earlier, the Home Guards were categorised in different age groups. Around 150 in the age group of 25 to 35 years were selected, and sent for RT-PCR test. They would get back to duty after the receipt of test report tomorrow.

Corona Night Curfew from tomorrow

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Continuing, CM Yediyurappa said that PM Modi has stressed on enhanced testing, focus on micro-containment zones and to ensure sufficient ambulance, oxygen supply and ventilators.

'Vaccination Utsav'

Modi also called upon all the States to observe 'Vaccination Utsav' from Apr. 11 (birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule) till Apr. 14 (birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar) to motivate more number of people to get vaccinated since it was the only weapon to fight against the contagion. States must take up awareness campaigns about COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) with the help of celebrities and opinion makers in society with special focus on youths.

The CM informed Modi that Karnataka had taken up vaccination at a large scale. About 6,000 Vaccination Centres were working daily. Of these, 5,400 are in Government facilities and 600 in private facilities. So far, more than 53 lakh people have been vaccinated. "Karnataka has inoculated 22.31 percent of the target population above 45 years of age as compared to the National Average of 13.94 percent as on Apr. 5. The State has doubled the number of tests to about 1.20 lakh now. These days, more than 95 percent of the tests are being conducted using RT-PCR method. We have more than 42,000 general beds, 30,000 oxygenated beds, 3,000 ICUs and 2,900 beds with Ventilators in general hospitals".

Down shutters by 10 pm

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has said all hotels, restaurants, pubs, bars, cinema halls, multiplexes, shopping malls, night parties and other social activities must be stopped before 10 pm as 'Corona Curfew' will be in force from 10 pm to 5 am.

Addressing the CMs yesterday, Modi said "We must bring down positive rate below 5 percent. Our target is to do 70 per cent RT-PCR tests. All of you must use the experiences from first wave to combat the second wave. Today, we have all the resources and thus, it is a challenge for our governance. We must focus on micro-containment zones. States must ensure that all COVID-19 test samples are taken properly. Every person must be tested in containment zones. Every contact of the infected person must be tracked. Must do contact tracing of at least 30 people for one infected person. Our experience says 'test, track and treat' is the mantra to go forward. India is once again facing a challenging situation. People have become lax. Cases are rising because administrations are also lax. We must work on war-footing to defeat Coronavirus."

Disruption in water supply from April 9 to 11

Mysuru, Apr.9 - Due to major pipeline laying works at Hongalli pumping station, water supply to several parts of the city will be disrupted for three days from today (Apr. 9 to 11). The areas to be affected are:

Vijayanagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages, Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages, Hootagalli KHB Colony, Kumbarakoppal, Loknayaknagar, Metagalli, B.M. Shrinagar, Brindavan Extension, V.V. Mohalla, Manjunathapura, Gokulam, Yadavagiri, Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli), Saraswathipuram, Sharadadevinagar, Bogadi, Gangothri Layout, T.K. Layout, Kamatageri, Soppinakeri, Ramavilas Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Vokkalageri, Shivarampet, Mandi Mohalla, Tilaknagar, Lashkar Mohalla, Devaraja Mohalla, MCC Ward Nos. 1 to 8, 17 to 24 and 40 to 47, according to a press release.

Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. P.B. Srinivas Musical Evening tomorrow

Dr. Rajkumar *Dr. P.B. Srinivas*

Mysuru, Apr.9- On the occasion of 50th anniversary of popular Kannada movie *Sakshatkara,* Saptagiri Melodies, Mysuru, has organised Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. P.B. Srinivas Musical Evening at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on Apr. 10 at 4.30 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan yesterday, M.V. Govindraju of Saptagiri Melodies said, "Even after 50 years of its release, the song *'Olave Jeevana Sakshatkara'* of Kannada movie *Sakshatkara* still remains very popular among music-lovers. As part of Golden jubilee celebration, Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. P.B. Srinivas Musical Evening has been organised tomorrow. Entry is free, but everyone needs to wear masks and maintain social distancing."

Arunachalam, Nanjundaiah, Jayalakshmi Naidu and L. Chandrashekar were present.

RT-PCR negative report not mandatory: DC clarifies

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It may be recalled that yesterday after the DC issued the mandatory RT-PCR negative report order, **N. Manjunath Prasad, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department** and Member-Secretary of Disaster Management, issued another order stating that the Mysuru DC did not have the authority to issue such orders and that it had to come from the State Government.

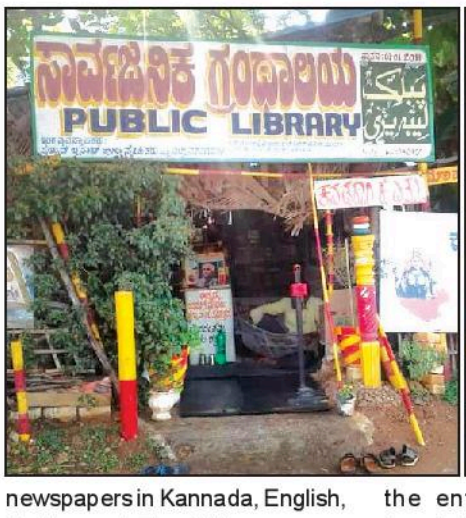
He said the Chief Minister's note: E-CM/2464345/2021, dated 29/03/2021, has clearly stated that only Chief Secretary is authorised to issue any directions pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic such as containment zones, vehicle movement, restriction on crowding of people, permission to be given or withdrawn for certain activities. All such orders should have the approval of the Chief Minister. No Minister or officer has powers to issue such orders without bringing to the notice of the Chief Secretary.

"Despite this order, it is found that certain district administrations are issuing separate orders on COVID-19 control and this is quite contrary to what the CM had ordered. In view of this, Heads of all Government Departments, District Administrations, Authorities, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, City Corporations and Local Bodies must not issue separate orders from their end. **Any order issued already, shall be withdrawn immediately.** Any definite proposal must be submitted to the State Government which will be discussed with the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary and then arrive at a decision."

These two orders created confusion among officers, resort owners, cinema hall proprietors, and recreation club secretaries and the public who were left wondering which order to follow? Should they follow the DC order or should they ignore it as Principal Secretary, who represents the Government, had stated that the DC order "shall be withdrawn immediately."

For now, the Mysuru DC has cleared the air this afternoon. So, people need not carry RT-PCR negative report to visit tourist places, recreation clubs, cinema halls and convention halls in Mysuru.

Public Library destroyed in fire



Mysuru, Apr. 9 (KS) - A public library established in 2011 by one Syed Isak at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage was destroyed in a fire in the wee hours of today.

The library, which had over 11,000 books including Holy Scriptures and newspapers of various languages, has been charred.

Syed Isak, the 63-year-old person, who had set up this library in 2011, told *Star of Mysore* that he lives just 100 ft. away from the library and he was woken up by his neighbours at about 3.40 am, who informed him about the fire. Though he rushed to the library, 95 percent of it was burnt down and his neighbours were seen pouring water to extinguish the fire but in vain.

He said that apart from over 11,000 books, he used to get 18 newspapers in Kannada, English, Urdu and Tamil languages everyday.

He had also kept his awards and other documents in the library which has been burnt, he said.

He alleged that in 2014, the library was destroyed when he was admitted to a hospital following dengue and now the entire library has been burnt down. All the half-burnt books were removed from the spot by the Police in a MCC garbage transporting vehicle, he claimed.

Following a complaint from Syed, Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case, are investigating

Shocked by grandson's drowning, woman dies of heart attack

Kushalnagar, Apr. 9 (AG,RH& BCT)- Unable to bear the shocking news of her grandson's death, a 62-year-old woman died of a massive heart attack at Hosathota village in Somwarpet Taluk of Kodagu district last evening.

Mubasheer

Eighteen-year-old Mubasheer, son of Ramlan, a resident of Second Igoor village in Somwarpet Taluk had been to Harangi backwaters at Hosathota near Suntikoppa yesterday morning along with a group of 11 friends. Before leaving for the backwaters, they played football till evening and entered the water to bathe and swim.

Caught in water currents, Mubasheer was unable to swim to the banks and drowned as his friends watched in horror. Shocked by the incident, the friends returned home quietly and did not report the incident to anyone.

As Mubasheer did not return even after 10 pm, his friends were questioned by family members about his missing. His friends informed the family about the drowning incident and as his grandmother Rukkia heard the news, she collapsed and died of a massive heart attack.

Family members said that Rukkia was attached to Mubasheer and she could not bear the grief. Even his mother fell ill due to shock and has been taken to the doctor.

Though the Police and Fire Brigade personnel entered the Harangi backwaters to search for the body last night, they were unsuccessful. Today morning they began their search operation and Mubasheer's body has been fished out.

Suntikoppa Police have registered a case and a mahajar has been conducted. The Police are questioning Mubasheer's friends to gather more information about the incident.

Beware! Patrol teams are watching you

City Police penalise COVID-19 rules violators on the spot

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (PM&BCT)- To stem the further spread of the second wave of Coronavirus contagion, the Mysuru City Police has launched a drive to penalise violators. In order to deter people from violating rules, the respective local Police and administrations are imposing hefty fines.

From intensifying crackdown on those violating the traffic rules to enforcing the compulsory use of masks, the Centre has instructed all State Governments to impose stricter fines and rules to make people comply with the COVID-19 related guidelines.

Wearing face masks is mandatory in public places/workplaces and not maintaining social distancing will attract penalties. Cases are being booked under various Sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and also under the provisions of Disaster Management Act 2005.

The Police have said that dedicated teams have been formed and they have been equipped with vehicles to patrol the city looking for violators. The teams would visit wherever there is more density of people and on-the-spot fines are levied.

A bar owner at Rajendranagar Circle at N.R. Mohalla has been booked yesterday for allowing more than 50 percent of the crowd in his outlet against the rule passed by the State Government. The bar has been closed and cases under IPC Section 188 and under the provisions of Disaster Management Act 2005 have been booked against the owner. A communiqué from the City Police Commissioner stated that the bar would be closed till further notice.

Other penalised persons include tea stall owners on Shanthinagar-Mahadevapura Road near Huliyamma Thota and at Basappaji Circle on M.G. Road. They have been booked and penalised.

Under Lakshmipuram Police limits, a cafeteria owner on Krishnaraja Boulevard and a fast food business owner have been booked for violating social distancing rules. Permission has been sought from the Court to book cases against a grocery store owner in Shivarampet.

The Police have also sought for permission from the Court to book cases against a tea stall owner at Nandini Layout in Alanahalli Police limits, a bakery owner at Rajivnagar Second Stage and a handicraft showroom owner at Rajivnagar Tank Road under Udayagiri Police limits and a saree centre manager on Zoo Main Road under Nazarbad Police limits. A samosa store owner on Shivarampet Road, a bakery owner at Jayanagar, a jewellery store employee and three customers will also be booked after obtaining approval from the Court, the Police said.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAJ KUMAR SHARMA** S/o Siya Ram, aged 48 years, & Serving in 14 KARNATAKA BN NCC (Mysuru)-570005 do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:- I swear that my Daughter's name **PRAKRITI SHARMA** and date of birth is **25-05-2003** is correct as per Birth Certificate, Aadhar Card and Metric certificate. But date of birth wrongly mentioned as **28-05-2003.** Hence it is hereby submitted for correction. Hence I am swearing this affidavit to produce before the concerned authority to **correct the date of birth.** I do swear in the name of God that this is my name, address and signature and the contents of this Affidavit are true and correct.
Place: Mysuru. Date: 08.04.2021 **Sd/- Deponent**

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Sd/- Deponent

Obituary

Jayalakshmamma

Mysuru, Apr. 9- Jayalakshmamma (96), wife of former Minister late K. Puttaswamy, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind two sons including P. Vishwanath, former Mayor, Secretary of Vidya Vardhaka Educational Institutions and immediate past President of Mysore Industries Association, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this noon.

B. Keshava Rao

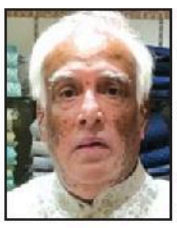
B. Keshava Rao (75), retired Deputy Manager of State Bank of Mysore and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

A.V. Devaraja Urs

A.V. Devaraja Urs (Sham), son of late D.V. Subramanya Raje Urs and a resident of Srirampura, passed away this morning in city. He was 70.

He leaves behind his wife Annapoorna, son Vinay Urs, daughter Vidhatri Urs and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.



Hazrat Moulana Mahamood-Ul-Hassan Siddiqui

Hazrat Moulana Mahamood-Ul-Hassan Siddiqui (65), Principal of Madrasa-e-Azeez-Ul-Uloom and a resident of Azeez Sait Nagar, passed away this morning at his residence following brief illness.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, three sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed after ASAR at Darool-Ul-Uloom Siddiqua on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

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By Girija Madhavan

LOOKING BACK...

The Life of Khem Singh, A Garhwali Abroad

The tragedy of Uttarakhand shocked India. Photographs and videos showed ferocious, swirling waters, angry gashes where rocks and earth tore away from the hillsides to add their might to the tumultuous, swollen stream on its course of destruction.

Years ago, Chamoli in Pauri Garhwal was to me, just a remote mountainous region on a map; Haridwar, Rishikesh, Badrinath, Rudraprayag and Joshimath being places of pilgrimage for the devout. That is, until I met **Khem Singh of Chamoli**, whom we employed as "Cook" to accompany us on a diplomatic posting. Homesick for the mountains, he often recalled the bus journeys to his home in a Chamoli village with stopovers at these shrines; holy places which became familiar to me also.

In 1985, after three-and-a-half years in Moscow, my husband, **A. Madhavan,** was posted as Ambassador of India to Japan. Glad to escape Russian winters, and with a tight time schedule to get to our new post, we left for Tokyo accompanied by Khem Singh.

A good-looking young man, he modelled himself on Anil Kapoor, star of the 1980s; an unruly mop of hair, a fringe over the forehead and a droopy moustache completed the look. Too late I discovered that not only was he a bad cook, he was also a reluctant one. To him domestic labour was "women's work" *[auraton ka kaam]* but he had no choice. He had tried to join the army but was disqualified for being colour blind. Jobs in cities like Delhi or Meerut did not work out. Back home again, he married a girl from his village called **Lachchu.**

He had no patrimony, being given only a male buffalo calf by his family. The animal loved him and would lick his hand; but was not a source of income. He sold it and later grieved because the new owner sacrificed it in a religious rite *["Bali"]*, severing its head with a single blow of a sword. So it was back to the plains and a chance to go abroad with us.

Khem Singh of Chamoli

As we tried out recipes, he talked about his home in the hills; roaming the mountainous paths of his village with a band of young men. *"Hum sab chhade the"* [we were all free, unfettered]. They wore bell-bottom pants which had to be *"Phit"* [fit tight] over the thighs. When they saw village girls, they would make loaded remarks to each other, really meant for the girls. Khem Singh had seen and loved Lachchu from those days.

The folk songs in Chamoli could be devotional [like the famous *"Bara Masa"* of Kumaon], or emotive, depicting a yearning for home or the loved one. New young brides would burst into tears when they heard these melodies. A tape recorder we gave Khem Singh, became a treasured possession and he fantasised about taping these songs when home again.

For a Mysurean like me, these vignettes of an alien life were fascinating. Hard to bear, was Khem Singh's relentless recounting of the plots of the many movies he had seen of Amitabh Bachchan [or "Ammi" as he called him]. Ammi's bucolic exclamation of *"Ain"* however often repeated, never failed to amuse him.

Two Japanese maids came everyday to clean and do housework. The older lady, **Obi San,** was a fine person of unfailing grace and politeness. The younger, **Kyoko San** had studied English and showed me some of her exercises and poems with black themes. Everybody got on well together.

In the garden behind the Residence was a lawn with ornamental rocks, gingko and magnolia trees. Some bob-tailed feral cats staked out the area, hiding in the bushes when we appeared. Convinced that their tails were docked on purpose, Khem Singh named his favourite *"Poonch Katta"* [the tail-cut-one]. Tempted by treats, the animal became friendly with him. On a rock outside the kitchen, Khem Singh often arranged a cat-buffet with treats from the kitchen. *Poonch Katta* and other cats would sup there.

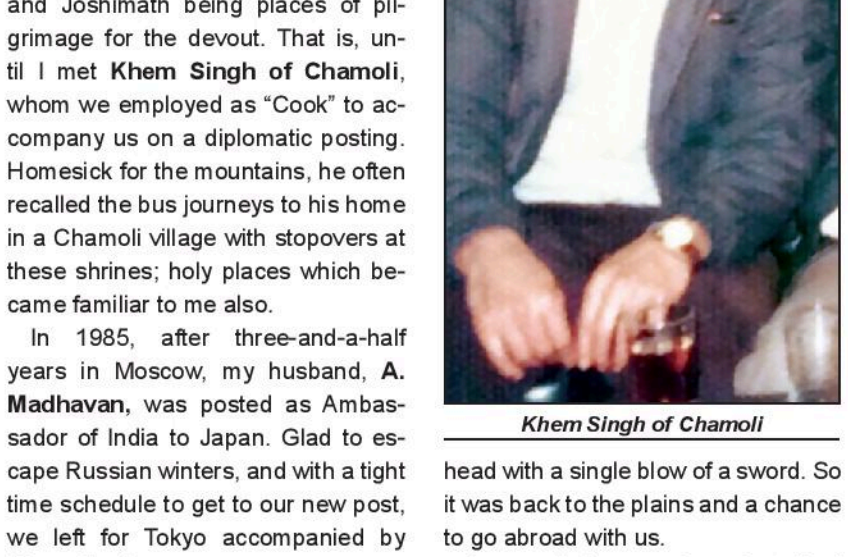
I found these qualities in him very touching. But over the years, he started drinking surreptitiously, favouring a fine whisky that we served at parties. Shortly before our departure from Tokyo, Narasimha Rao, Foreign Minister then, made a State visit to Japan. We held a Reception for him and Japanese dignitaries at the Residence. It was a gala affair with naval band from an Indian ship visiting Japan giving a concert in the garden. It was also Khem Singh's wedding anniversary.

Overcome by emotion on hearing the martial music of the soldier's life which was denied to him, thinking of his faraway bride, he sought solace in a large bottle of whisky that he had secreted. The Security Guard, **Jose,** finding him reeling and singing bawdy songs, tried to confine him to the kitchen. But he was defiant; boasting, to our utter shock, how he was not afraid of any one and recalling how he had even gone on a rampage with a mob in Meerut during the riots of 1984… a far cry from the animal-lover we thought him to be.

We were transferred to Germany from Japan. A penitent Khem Singh asked to be forgiven and given a second chance, requesting that Lachchu should also come with us to the new post. This young man's hardships in life had turned him into a rebellious soul. Hopefully, he could return to his forgotten origins, regain the simple grace, compassion, innocence and honesty of a man from the Hills ▪

Kyoko San outside her own Tokyo home.

Kyoko San (left) and Obi San dressed in sarees gifted to them by Girija.



*At a party on the occasion of our leaving Tokyo — (from right) **A. Madhavan, Kyoko San, Girija, Obi San, Jose (Security Guard) and Khem Singh.***

Poonch Katta demands a treat.

MCC's Online Property Tax Payment

Glitches Galore

- Residents forced to sit long hours staring at 'error messages' on their computers
- Initial snags during transition from offline to online system inevitable, clarifies MCC

People waiting for their turn to pay tax at MCC Zone 6 Office on Seshadri Iyer Road this morning. Picture right shows an official handing over the tax paid form to a citizen.

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (RK&BCT)- A section of property owners in city have been facing issues while paying taxes for their sites, buildings, commercial complexes or houses online as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is facing teething problems with its online property tax payment site.

These problems included high property tax amount displayed, Property ID (PID) or mobile number not accepted and slow and an unresponsive website. Some of them complained that the site did not open or the link to the revised tax zone did not appear even on entering the PID number, forcing the citizens to sit long hours staring at their desktops and laptops.

Most property owners are trying to pay the tax before April-end to avail of the five percent rebate. But they have to make multiple attempts before the payment is received, because of the faulty system. Either the web interface is slow or page error message is shown. Many residents who spoke to *Star of Mysore* and also mailed screenshots of error messages said that the MCC must first eliminate systemic errors before asking people to revert to online payments.

V. Rajagopalachar, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block told *SOM* on Wednesday that he has been unable to feed Form 1 in the portal since the past 6 days. "Repeated messages sent to MCC remained unanswered and no information is available as to when the defect is likely to be rectified," he said. But on Friday, this problem was rectified and Rajagopalachar wrote to us and said that he could finally pay the tax after seven days.

Non-bilingual and 'read only' pages

George C.A. Rego, a resident of an apartment on Gokulam Main Road, said that after successfully going to the actual tax payment page of the website, the SAS is blank and there is no way to download the SAS to first workout the data needed. "Unfortunately, the SAS form is not bilingual (there are many residents who can speak Kannada but cannot read or write). The SAS format on the site is 'read only' and therefore the tax-payer cannot enter his name address, property details, etc.," he said.

Also, there is no explanation of how to arrive at the figures and what the calculation should be (there is no guide and no example or explanation). "I used Google to translate 46 rows of Kannada description of the SAS in order to help those who cannot read or write Kannada. I compared it with the SAS of 2019-2020 (which was computer-generated by the MCC staff) it had 45 lines of data to be filled up, based on the property ownership," Rego said.

Blank forms cannot be filled-in

Regarding other glitches, Rego said that after the portal opens with the details of the individual tax payer, *https://mysurucitycorporation.co.in/WebSiteMysuru/PropertySearch.aspx* the 'View Tax &Pay' is activated, the tax-payers get a blank form where names cannot even be typed.

"I really wish the MCC Deputy Commissioner takes time to actually review the online Property Tax before making any statements. After all there is a 15 percent increase in the tax and we are entitled at least a 15 percent increase in effort of the MCC to ensure that the online payment is working as smoothly as it should," he added.

Error messages / commands not accepted

Dr. M.S. Narayan, a resident of Saraswathipuram (Sharadadevinagar Zone – Ward 42) wrote to *SOM* thus: "I went to the website and I read the instruction as 'If you know your PID, then search by PID and you will get the property details'; 'click on view link to see your complete property tax details'; 'click on Get Form-2 or View Tax & Pay on the next page to proceed with online payment' 'Please download or print acknowledgement on successful property tax online payment'. To my surprise, it does not work and I get an ERROR message. It looks like the website has a problem."

Explaining the problem further, Dr. Narayan said that if a tax-payer knows the PID then he/she can click the search button and get the property details. Once a tax-payer clicks on 'view link to see complete property tax details', the details are actually visible. "Later if the tax-payer clicks on 'Get Form-2'or 'View Tax & Pay' in the next page to proceed, the form appears, but he cannot do anything as it does not accept any commands. "I cannot fill any details or any details about the tax appeared for me to verify. Here is the problem," he added.

Also, the portal constantly displays messages like: 'An error occurred during local report processing'; 'The definition of the report 'Main Report' is invalid'; 'The embedded image 'logotrans' contains invalid data'; 'Embedded image data must be a base 64 encoded string,' Dr. Narayan explained.

Problems will persist for some more time: MCC

Admitting that such initial glitches were inevitable in the transition from manual to online collection of Property Tax, MCC officials said that problems with the software would be ironed out.

MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Dr. Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore* that the software has been encountering technical glitches. "Yes, I admit that issues are there and at the same time, we have dedicated teams comprising software engineers and officers to solve the glitches. Problems will persist for another two to three months and later, a fool-proof system will be developed as all the bugs will be fixed," he said.

From Apr. 1 till Apr. 8, Rs. 1.30 crore has been collected exclusively through the online system. "Those property owners who have obtained the PID number after paying tax last year, can visit *https://mysurucitycorporation.co.in/WebSiteMysuru/Home.aspx* and pay taxes directly for assessment year 2021-2022. In case the PID is not obtained, property owners can visit their respective Zonal Offices and meet Revenue Section Officers to generate SAS (Self-Assessment Scheme) forms and ask for PID number. Later, they can pay either through online or through offline means," he explained.

"We are trying our best to ensure that there will be no more issues with the software. For the convenience of the tax-payers, both online and offline tax-paying systems have been retained. Online is a sustainable method of paying the tax," he stressed.

WORD OF THE DAY

Concatenation

Pronunciation: kon-kat-n-ey-shuhn.
Meaning: A series of interconnected or interdependent things or events.
Origin: Concatenation comes straight from the Late Latin noun concatēnātiō (stem concatēnātiōn-) "connection, sequence" (literally "chaining together"), a derivation of catēna "chain." The Italian and Spanish words for "chain" (catena and cadena, respectively) far more closely resemble the Latin original than does the modern French chaîne (the English source for "chain"), which passed through the stages chaeine (Old French), from caeine (Old North French), from Latin catēna. Concatenation entered English in the early 17th century.
Example: Before the huge Saturn 1B rocket thundered off its launch pad, the effort had been plagued by an extraordinary concatenation of weather delays, electronic gremlins and other obstacles. —"Apollo's First Success," New York Times, February 27, 1966.

THE ODD WORD

Cachexic

Having an unhealthy physical or mental state.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Crocodile tears

Meaning: It means that someone is expressing sorrow in a way that is not genuine. In other words, it's someone who is being insincere.
Origin: It was once considered a myth that crocodiles 'wept' as they ate, but now there have been studies indicating that 'crocodile tears' are a real thing. Yes, these large reptiles actually shed tears while they feed. But why? Is it because these animals are feeling emotions like remorse and grief as they chomp down on their prey? No, that's not believed to be the case. From what I've read, the real reason for why they shed tears while eating is not fully understood.
So then, while they eat, any tears the crocodile produces would be ones of insincerity; the 'crying' would not be from genuine sadness. Thus a comparison is made—when someone is displaying feelings of sadness that are thought to be insincere, or if they are fake crying about something, then their tears are like that of a crocodile. Hence they are said to be shedding 'crocodile tears.'
There is a reference to these 'weeping' reptiles that goes back to the 14th century. It's in a book called The Travels of Sir John Mandeville (the author is unclear), around the year 1375, and there is a part from it that reads:
"These serpents slay men, and they eat them weeping."

QUOTE BOX

Tears shed for another person are not a sign of weakness. They are a sign of a pure heart.— **José N. Harris**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HAT

Answer: Top hat.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Recant, disclaim or repudiate
6 Deer horn
10 One of TV's Huxtables
11 Colouring agent
12 Made or became better
14 Locality, in short
16 Twitter update
17 Hawaiian food
19 They are the largest of the deer family
21 Flightboard abbr.
22 Comfort
23 Merriment
25 Conviction
27 Shorter of the two main intervals in a cricket match
28 The advance guard of an army
29 Ideal place
32 Irritate
35 Informal common sense
36 S. American city __ Paolo
38 Instrument face
39 Indian National Theatre, in short
40 Flinch
42 Cleaning agent
43 Grateful
45 Mafia boss
46 "To be" in Paris?
47 Deep openings in the earth's surface
48 Trouble or woe - "stir us" anagram ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	H	U	M	■	M	R	S	■	O	D	A	S
C	O	N	E	■	I	O	U	■	W	A	L	K
C	U	B	A	■	N	O	B	I	L	I	T	Y
P	R	E	■	R	U	F	F	S	■	L	I	E
■	■	A	G	E	S	■	U	N	I	■	■	■
P	E	T	R	A	■	O	S	T	R	I	C	H
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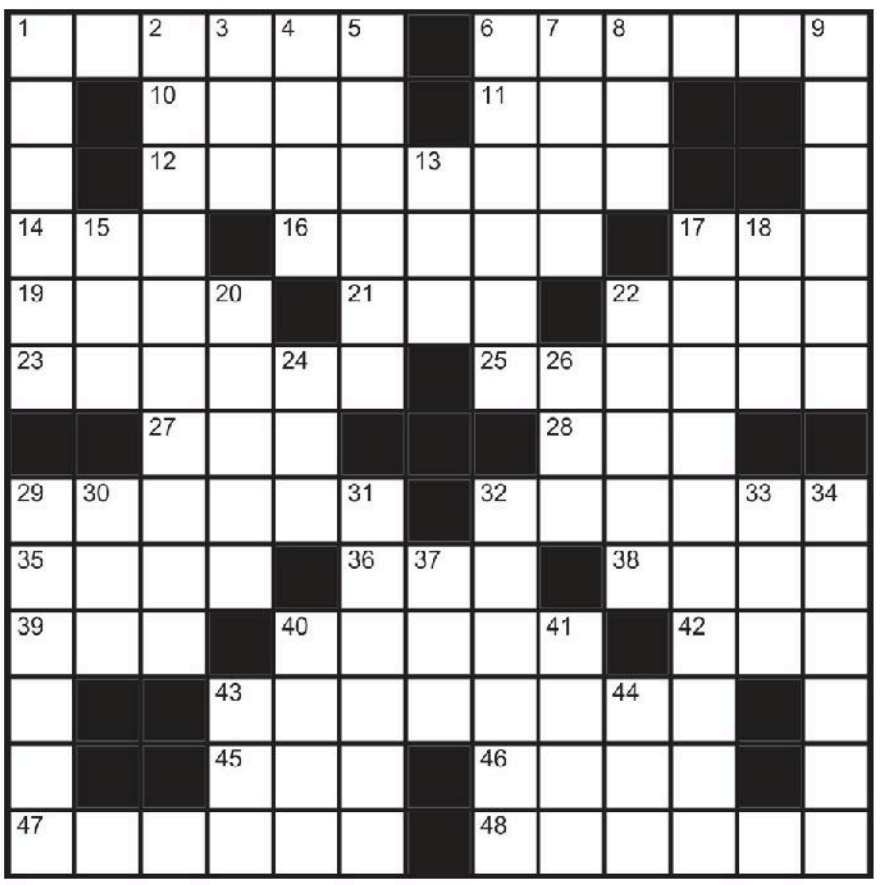
A	S	E	■	S	H	O	W	N	■	T	A	U
U	N	S	E	T	T	L	E	■	C	A	R	L
T	I	M	S	■	A	P	E	■	A	T	E	N
O	P	E	C	■	Q	E	D	■	M	E	S	A

DOWN

1 Sharp bend
2 Persevere under difficult circumstances, endure (5,2,3)
3 Electrical unit for voltage upon amperage?
4 Shed tears
5 Oslo is its capital
6 Part of speech
7 Russian no
8 Mr Kennedy or Mr. Turner
9 Lightening of a burden
13 Over in verse
15 Uber competitor
17 Analgesic
18 Sugar suffix ?
20 Oozes through
22 African antelope
24 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
26 Adolf's bride
29 Uniting
30 Heavy weight
31 Arabs, Indians, Chinese, et al.
32 Self-propelled missile
33 Put down
34 Picks or chooses
37 Popular girl's name - "Nan" anagram?
40 Just a question of identity ?
41 They are related to a newt
43 Tax deducted at source, in short
44 Neighbour of Arg.



SUDOKO

		4	5				2	6
					9			8
3		5						1
				2		4	8	
				1				
	7	2		3				
5						1		9
9			7					
7	3				2	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	7	8	1	4	2	6	5	3
3	4	1	9	6	5	7	8	2
6	2	5	3	7	8	9	1	4
7	8	3	6	2	9	5	4	1
4	9	2	7	5	1	3	6	8
5	1	6	8	3	4	2	7	9
1	6	9	5	8	3	4	2	7
8	5	4	2	9	7	1	3	6
2	3	7	4	1	6	8	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DPG EUBG DPOIYJ WPVIYG, DPG EUBG

DPGF BGEVOI... OIJVIG.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Kode Muruga (K)	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Naandhi (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Vakeel Saab (Te)	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.25 pm 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.55 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 3.50 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-4)	1 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 5.15 pm, 9 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-4)	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-4	11.30 am
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am
	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	2.45 pm, 6 pm, 9.15 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-1)	2.15 pm, 9 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.15 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	5.15 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-3)	11 am
	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 9.15 pm

PVR

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	10 am, 11 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 6.30 pm 8.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	11.45 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	:	11.10 am, 2.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	:	6.50 pm
Karnan (Ta)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	:	3.25 pm
Anugraheet (Ma)	:	3.40 pm, 10 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	10.50 am, 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	:	2.35 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	:	11 am, 2.45 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Karnan (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 2.25 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.35 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Rohit Sharma's MI takes on Kohli's RCB

in IPL pipe-opener under closed doors

Chennai, Apr. 9 (UNI) - Amid the serious threat on the raging second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 14th edition of the cash rich Indian Premier League (IPL) will kick off at the Chepauk Stadium (M. A. Chidambaram Stadium) here today behind closed doors when defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) take on constant under achievers Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB).

While MI skipper Rohit Sharma, eyeing for a record sixth title and a hat-trick of title triumphs, is keen to start on a rousing note, the Virat Kohli-led RCB is determined to break the shackles and should consistently come out with an all round display in a bid to lay its hand on maiden title on May 30.

The talking point is the 22-yard strip, which has come in for some criticism when the first two Tests against England were held here, with India losing the first and levelling it in the second on a square turner, with the contest ending inside three days.

In view of the spread of Coronavirus and the subsequent lockdown, last year's edition, was shifted to Abu Dhabi and the belated event ended just five months back.

For the first time, there will not be any home advantage for any team as all the matches will be held in neutral venues.

With this teeming metropolis under the grip of intense heat wave, the contest too is expected to be more intense with big-hitters from both the sides promising a high voltage contest.

The event is being held amid some players and support staff testing positive, following which the BCCI has put in place strict bio-bubble to ensure that this edition passes off without any hitch.

The performance of the players of all the eight teams will be keenly watched as the tournament is being held a couple of months ahead of the World T-20 to be staged by India.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 9)

- **Kirtilals and Jayanthi Ballal:** Exhibition of fine diamond and gold jewellery, Jayanthi Ballal, #462, 6th Main Road, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Samskruti-2021 - Pure silk sarees and other handloom products from across the country, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Rangabandi, Malavalli:** Staging of mono act 'Madhura Mandodari' (Written by Prasanna Kumar Keragodu), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Unique music concerts by leading percussionists along with their daughters, concert by Ananya Ramanujan accompanied by her father Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga, **6 pm;** M.S. Keerthana accompanied by her father Dr. H.S. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga, both accompanied on violin by Amogh Nadadur, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm. [Mob: 99000-82773]**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 10)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Samskruti-2021 - Pure silk sarees and other handloom products from across the country, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Samskruti Prakashana, Mysuru, Vijay Foundation, Mysuru and Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Felicitation to thinker, writer, columnist and retd. Tahsildar Dr. V. Ranganath and releasing of his seven books — *Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Kalada Kalavidaru, Kopave Solu; Sahaneye Geluvu, Nambike Galisona; Nambike Ulisona, Mane Doddadayitu; Mana Chikkadayitu - Rasika Puttige avara Samagra Sahitya* (Editor: Dr. V. Ranganath), *Elige Anjida Huli-Mattitara Kathegalu, Shishu Geetegalu* and *Makkala Muru Kiru Kadambarigalu* — senior scholar Dr. N.S. Tharanath presides, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar chief guest, Manasagangothri Journalism Department Head Dr. Niranjana Vanalli releases books, writer and book advisor Samskruti Subramanya delivers welcome address, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Book release — Dr. HM. Nagaraju's 'Andaman' — by writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates the event, writer Dr. C. Naganna speaks about the book, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, former Parishat President Maddikere Gopal guest, author Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will be present, Parishat Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Interaction with Achievers - 58 (Achiever of the Month: Dance Guru T.S. Lakshmi Kumar), writer Banur K. Raju chief guest, Gallery President L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Understanding ourselves,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

IPL 2021

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 9)

MI Vs RCB — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 10)

CSK Vs DC — 7.30 pm

Live Telecast on

STAR SPORTS & Disney+ hotstar

[Source: www.iplt20.com]

MI have a strong batting line up with Rohit and Quinton De Kock at the top of the order, and big hitters like Ishan Kishan, Surya Kumar Yadav, besides the flamboyant Pandya brothers--Hardik and Krunal--with the power hitting prowess of West Indian all rounder Keiron Pollard adding further strength.

Jasprit Bumrah and Kiwi swing bowler Trent Boult will lead the pace attack and spinner Rahul Chahar, with his googlies can pose problems for the RCB batsmen.

RCB is bolstered by the presence of Aussie Glenn Maxwell, who, apart from his pyrotechnics, is also a hand off spinner and New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson, besides the Indian skipper lend solidity to the batting, with the in form Devdutt Padikkal keen to make a mark in his second stint, not to forget the blazing A B De Villers, which can shift gears very quickly.

Kohli will be looking towards wrist spinner Yuzuvendra Chahal and offie Washington Sundar, besides left armer Adam Zampa to get breakthroughs, with the pacers Mohd Siraj and Navdeep Singh had to be at their best.

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09.04.1951
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—Sorrowing Husband Karl

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